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at The Hall, part of his Good Bye Tour.

Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in the summer of 2011, Campbell decided not to just fade into the sunset. Rather, he decided that there was no better way to expose the disease than to conduct a farewell tour.

Keeping himself in the public eye, Campbell decided, would bring awareness to the disease and generate more research for a cure.

The icon who gave the world *Gentle On My Mind*,

*By The Time I Get To Phoenix*, *Rhinestone Cowboy*, *True Grit*, *Wichita Lineman* and *Southern Nights*, will perform at the Music Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Now, at 76, Campbell's career has spanned from 1958 to the present.

Tickets are still available for the show and cost \$45 plus \$2 handling.

"Glenn Campbell is truly one of America's performing legends," said Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds' General Manager Hilda

Thomason. "We didn't give it a second thought when we learned we had the opportunity to bring him to Anderson Music Hall.

"His career speaks for itself," she said.

During Campbell's 54 years in the entertainment industry, he's been the lead singer for the Beach Boys, had an incredible solo career, starred in motion pictures and even had his own television show on CBS.

Bottom line, Campbell puts a face on a disease that

has crushed countless families around the world.

And instead of just being heartbroken, Campbell's fans walk away determined to press for more research and funding into this horrific malady that affects so many people worldwide.

If you've ever had a family member or a friend suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, you'll be proud to say that you were there at Anderson Music Hall when Glenn Campbell told the entertainment world "good-bye."

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crafts enthusiasts to the cool waters of Butternut Creek in Meeks Park.

The festivities begin July 21 and last through July 22 at Meeks Park.

The Festival, a Top 20 Event four years running, is a juried show, limited to 70 of the finest artists and hand craftsmen from throughout the mountains of North Georgia, Western North Carolina, and Eastern Tennessee.

Through the jurying process, the show strives to feature a balanced offering of unique and original art and hand crafted works.

The event also includes four community service booths. The annual bake sale and basket raffle of the Union Hospital Auxiliary; quilting demonstration and sale by the

Misty Mountain Quilt Guild; a quilt raffle by the Friends of the Union County Library; a raffle of donated items by the Friends of Moss Library.

Exhibitor booths are located under the shade trees along the banks of Butternut Creek, shortly before it flows into the Nottely River.

The Park setting includes playgrounds, walking trails, and picnic facilities.

A fine variety of Festival foods will be available.

Throughout both days, several special craft demonstrations are scheduled, Jerry King with his foot pedal lathe, Butch Dey, blacksmithing, and Mal McEwen, chainsaw carving.

The 2012 Festival sponsors include United Community Bank, Jerry Henderson State Farm Insurance, Trackrock Campground and Union County Recreation Department.

More than 10,000 arts and crafts enthusiasts attended the event in 2011.

It all seems like just

yesterday that the Festival began as the dream of three local artists, Mike Smith and his wife Judy Smith and Susan Limehouse.

Having participated in arts and crafts shows throughout the Southeast for several years, these artists had experienced numerous poorly organized and badly run shows, but only rarely, had they been privileged to encounter what they considered to be a quality arts and crafts festival.

In 1997 these three individuals formed the High Country Artisans, Inc. to promote quality art work in the North Georgia Mountains.

Their major activity would be their version of a well organized, well run, well attended, quality arts and crafts festival named "The Butternut Creek Festival."

In their own home county, they discovered the ideal festival setting in Meeks Park, a fully functional community park operated by the Union County Recreation Department.

A major part of the park was a beautiful, nearly level area along the banks of Butternut Creek which featured ample shade trees.

In addition, there was a large picnic pavilion where the musical performers could be located and comfortably perform.

Both the Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County Recreation Department became major supporters of the festival.

The first festival came and went; much was learned from that first experience.

The next year necessary changes and adjustments were made. Gradually the festival began to grow in quality, size and attendance.

The community base expanded as additional major sponsors joined, foremost being United Community Bank.

If you dream big, work hard, and have wonderful dedicated support, you can truly achieve your fondest dreams.

## 16 year old Gessmann flies solo at Blairsville Airport

On the perfect weather morning of Tuesday, June 19th, Caleb Donald Gessmann turned 16. Instead of getting his driver's license like most kids his age do. Caleb, along with his family, friends, and fellow pilots from the local EAA #1211 gathered at the Blairsville Airport to watch Caleb take his first solo flight in a Cessna 172.

Caleb got the flying bug in 2008 at age 12 after taking a flight at a EAA Young Eagles day in a Piper Saratoga. Caleb started by taking lessons monthly, and when his family moved to Blairsville in 2010, he hooked up with local instructor, Steve Thompson, who helped him make his dream of soloing on his 16th birthday a reality. Since the FAA requires Student Pilots to be at least the age of 16, Caleb had to get a special certificate that stated it wasn't valid until his birthday. Caleb and Steve met for ground school, day and night flights, practiced simulated emergencies and many flight scenarios to prepare him for solo. Caleb had been ready to solo for a couple years, but was just logging flight time as he anxiously awaited the morning of his 16th birthday to actually be able to do it by himself, which he did flawlessly.

Caleb videoed his entire

solo flight with his GoPro camera. The video can be watched by typing "Caleb Gessmann Solo Flight" into YouTube. In the video, you can see what there is to do while taxiing, taking off, flying in the traffic pattern, and landing. The 27 minute video is well worth watching.

Caleb plans on spending his 17th birthday getting taking his FAA check-ride to become a Private Pilot after spending this year getting the requirements completed. To become a Private Pilot, the pilot needs 40 hours total- 20 with an instructor, and at least 10 hours of solo flight. One must be proficient in all areas of visual flight, and pass three tests which include a written exam, and an oral exam taken at the time of the practical flight test.

Caleb is starting his junior year at Union County High School, along with the Accel program at Young Harris College. Upon graduation he plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, major-



Caleb Gessmann and Steve Thompson

ing in Aeronautical Science to gain his Certified Flight Instructor certificate, while also participating in the Navy ROTC program. He plans to commission in the United States Navy as an officer, and hopes to become a Naval Aviator. Caleb is also the Secretary for the Blairsville EAA#1211 (Experimental Aircraft Association) chapter.

If you are interested in learning to fly, or would like to take an introductory flight with an instructor at the Blairsville Airport, you can contact Steve Thompson or Chris Dyer at 706-745-4307. N0611.29)CA

## Harkins Stock Farm joins American Angus Association

Robert Harkins Stock Farm, Suches, GA, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, MO.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 30,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly

19 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information, keeps production records on individual animals, and develops industry-leading selection tools for its members. These programs and services help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

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## Free GED and computer classes

Adult Ed will be offering free GED and computer literacy classes. Registration for GED classes is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 17 and July 18, and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for computer literacy classes. Classes are held Monday thru Thursday. Adult Ed will be on summer break from June 25 until registration date. Please leave your name and number at 706-439-6342 to register for class. Registration is at NGTC, Meeks Avenue in room 208.

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